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1. WHILE THAI OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR DISMAY PRIVATELY OVER SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACTION TO END GRANT MAP TO THAILAND AFTER FY77 VICE FY 78, PUBLIC RESPONSE HAS BEEN CALM. BOTH DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENSE GENERAL LEK NAEOMALI AND CINC RTA GENERAL SERM NA NAKHON IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS ASSURED QUESTIONERS THAT THAILAND IS CAPABLE OF DEFENDING ITSELF. ANSWERING NEWSMEN'S QUESTIONS ON THE SUBJECT, GEN. SERM NOTED DURING A MAY 11 INTERVIEW THAT THERE WERE "CONFLICTING OPINIONS IN THE UNITED STATES," AND WHETHER THE U.S. WILL HELP OR NOT DEPENDS ON THEIR OWN JUDGEMENT. THAILAND, HE SAID, MUST HELP ITSELF AND IS DETERMINED TO DO SO. REFERRING TO FMS PURCHASES, HE NOTED THERE WERE

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OTHER FORMS OF U.S. AID SUCH AS "PURCHASE OF ARMS AND WAR MATERIAL AT GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT PRICES" TO REPLACE GRANT AID. GEN. SERM SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MORE GRANT AID FOR THAILAND AFTER FY1978, IN ANY CASE.

2. PUBLICLY, OFFICIALS HAVE REFRAINED FROM ANY NEGATIVE

STATEMENTS ABOUT U.S. CONSTANCY; HOWEVER, SENIOR GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER
USED THE OCCASION OF VISIT OF NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE STUDY
GROUP MAY 11-13 TO EXPRESS THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT OVER SUB-
COMMITTEE ACTION.
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